

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, PINS, PDEV, RH  
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: BLACK UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ATTACKED BY WHITES

REF: PRETORIA 2385; PRETORIA 2465

1. PRESS ACCOUNTS STATE THAT ON THE EVENING OF JULY 17, A GROUP OF ABOUT FIFTEEN WHITES ARMED WITH CLUBS AND CRICKET BATS ATTACKED BLACK STUDENTS ON THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODESIA CAMPUS. THE WHITES REPORTEDLY ARRIVED IN TWO CARS AND "WITH MILITARY PRECISION" SIMULTANEOUSLY ATTACKED A STUDENT HOSTEL AND THE STUDENT CANTEEN. EIGHT BLACK STUDENTS WERE INJURED AND BRIEFLY HOSPITALIZED. AMONG THOSE INJURED WAS ISMAIL CHATIKOBO, PRESIDENT OF STUDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL, WHO LED THE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE INTERNAL  
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SETTLEMENT DESCRIBED REFTELS. SUBSEQUENT ACCOUNTS SAY THE ATMOSPHERE AT THE UNIVERSITY IS TENSE.

2. COMMENT: THE WHITE ATTACKERS REPRESENT A RIGHTEST ELEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY WHICH MAY BE GAINING STRENGTH OR AT LEAST MOTIVATED TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE AND AGGRESSIVE, AS SUGGESTED BY THE FIRST EVER PUBLIC HECKLING OF THE PRIME MINISTER

(PRETORIA 4119). THE MORE IMPORTANT SIGNIFICANCE OF THE INCIDENT MAY LIE, HOWEVER, IN THE FACT THAT BLACK STUDENTS WERE THE CHOSEN TARGET. RHODESIA UNIVERSITY BLACKS, TRADITIONALLY MUZOREWA SUPPORTERS, HAVE BEEN TAKING AN INCREASINGLY ANTI-INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND PRO-PATRIOTIC FRONT ATTITUDE IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS.  
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